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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**  
**AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, dated 7 January 2004, please note that Applicant is not amending claims in response to the currently outstanding Official Action. Therefore, the present Request for Reconsideration is not subject to new Amendment rules.